

REMARKS

Claims 14 - 20 are pending in the present application.

The present application is a divisional application of Serial No. 09/103,8098, filed June 24, 1998, which is a continuation application of Serial No. 08/723,116, filed September 30, 1996.

The Sequence Listing for the instant application is identical to the computer readable Sequence Listing in parent application Serial No. 08/723,116 filed September 30, 1996 (a paper copy of this Sequence Listing is appended herewith). In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.821 (e), Applicants have requested that the Patent Office use the last filed computer readable form filed in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the instant application. In the event the office encounters difficulty in obtaining a copy of the Sequence Listing from the parent application, Applicants request that the office contact the Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone to avoid any further delay.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits.
Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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